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In re:

U.S. Application of: Takenori IDEHARA
 For: INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING
 METHOD FOR NETWORK SYSTEM
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Applicant hereby petitions that the period for
 response to the Examiner's Action, dated August 1, 2000,
 be extended for three months to February 1, 2001.

A response to the Examiner's Action, dated August 1,
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